



WEST RUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes 24th July 2025

Parish Councillors present: James Ringer (Chair), Lucinda Reddyhoff (Vice Chairman), Josephine Tyler, Stephen Mayor, and Ian McCallum.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Michael Chenery, Caroline Boyden (Parish Clerk)
No members of the public

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies – Cllr Jewell

2. Receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider requests for dispensations - None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of May 2025

The minutes were approved as proposed by the Chairman, without amendment, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record by those present at that meeting.

4. To hear from the Borough Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Chenery advised that the County still prefer a single unitary for Norfolk.

He has a new Community Fund of £5000 for the use of village groups, events etc.

The members fund is also available for highways based projects.

5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public – None present

6. To receive updates:

- a. SAM2 & Speed Watch: no update received following the May meeting.
- b. Newsletter – to include the speeding statistics and the new gates.
- c. Clerks Report – The AGAR has been completed and sent to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn for approval.
Rumours regarding the government changes to planning including ending sifting and calling in to be checked by the clerk.
- d. Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation as under item 4 and updates on the website.

The 2 Barclays bank accounts are still open despite attempts to close and a letter has been signed by the Chairman to close and move monies into the Unity Trust current account.

The new logo was approved by all

5. Open Spaces

- a. Village Gateways – now installed
- b. Litter Pick and Churchyard – 2 volunteers are continuing to clear overgrowth and the Chair will attend to the hedge alongside the back. To review in September.

6. Planning Matters

- a. To receive decisions of applications - None
- b. To receive and consider new applications - None

7. Financial Matters

- a. To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts and bank statements for May and June 25 – all in favour
- b. To approve the July payments (to date) – none at time of meeting

8. Receive and consider correspondence

- a. Air Ambulance Defib Training – no update from Cllr Scott.
- b. A resident has raised concern regarding an overhanging willow tree near the Bircham turning on the A148. Clerk to contact highways and images would be helpful.
- c. Houghton Festival road closures as per letters to residents.

9. Items for inclusion at next meeting and agree date of next meeting – to be sent to the clerk a week before the next meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025, from 6.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.04 pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: